Key Information

Lead Applicant	City and Borough of Sitka
If Multijurisdictional, additional eligible entities jointly	N/A
applying	
Total jurisdiction population	8,458 ¹
Count of motor-vehicle-involved roadway fatalities from	
2016 to 2020	0^2
Fatality rate per 100,000 persons	0
Action Plan Type	New Action Plan
Population in Underserved Communities	0^3
States(s) in which projects and strategies are located	Alaska
Costs by State	\$550,000

Narrative

The City and Borough of Sitka (CBS) with Sitka Tribe of Alaska (STA) support is requesting funds to develop an Action Plan. CBS does not have an existing plan according to the Self-Certification Eligibility Worksheet.

Safety Impact

Sitka has zero roadway fatalities from 2016-2020 based on DOT's FARS data. Alternative traffic crash dataset (Sitka Police Department) was used as USDOT 2020 reports were unavailable.

Year	Damage	Minor Injury/ Not Specified	Serious Injury
2016	39	16	1
2017	68	15	2
2018	32	10	1
2019	40	18	2
2020	33	2	0
TOTAL	212	61	6

Equity

Sitka is a rural community and remote location accessible only by air/sea. It has no connecting roads to neighboring communities. According to the <u>U.S. Census Bureau</u>, CBS has 23.6% combination of more than one race that includes American Indian/Alaska Native.

 $^{^{1}\,\}underline{\text{https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US,sitkacityandboroughalaska/POP010220}}$

² https://cdan.dot.gov/query

³ https://usdot.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/d6f90dfcc8b44525b04c7ce748a3674a

Additional Safety Considerations

CBS activities to enhance an action plan:

- The <u>CBS Comprehensive Plan</u> includes *Adopt and Implement a Sitka Complete Streets Policy* tied to <u>FHWA best practice</u>. An Action Plan will identify how to achieve the model.
- A traffic study anticipated completion 12/31/2022, includes a multimodal traffic analysis for pedestrian crossing, intersection operations, bus operations, traffic control, and future needs.
- <u>Short-Term Tourism Plan</u>. Extensive public input addressed dispersion, transportation, traffic, infrastructure needs, and future planning for passengers including improvements for pedestrian/intersection safety and need for analysis for main street level of service.
- STA <u>Transportation Safety Plan</u> included pedestrian/bicyclist safety, distracted driving, alcohol impaired driving, seatbelts/child restraint safety measures.
- Continued <u>innovative technologies/strategies</u>: flashing crosswalk signs to promote safety/equity, roundabouts, wider sidewalks, bike lanes, etc.
- Partly CBS funded STA owned/operated <u>public transit system</u> including transportation for persons with disabilities and age 60+.
- We are a <u>Walk Friendly Community</u> critical for residents and tourists and a <u>Bike Friendly Community</u> continually improving mobility/health.

Map





Budget

Total planning costs for a City and Borough of Sitka Action Plan is estimated at \$700,000, comprised of \$550,000 in Federal funds with a match of \$100,000 in non-Federal funds of inkind CBS staff time and resources to manage outside consultants along with a \$50,000 contingency funding from the General Fund to complete the Action Plan Components.

Estimated costs for this project were obtained through discussions between CBS personnel and professional engineers from consulting engineering firms with knowledge in traffic engineering and traffic safety study development.

Sitka has the ability to fund the project with in-kind staff time, resources, and a contingency to be funded from the General Fund for a total of \$150,000. There are no restrictions on these funds and Sitka's Assembly meeting of August 23, 2022, notes that these funds be set aside for this purpose.

Total Project Costs:	\$700,000	100%
Funding Sources:	Amount:	Percent:
Non-Federal Funding: City and Borough of Sitka	\$150,000	21.43%
SS4A Federal Funding	\$550,000	78.57%

See the attached City and Borough of Sitka signed resolution number 2022-22 as of August 23, 2022, committing the funding for this project. See attached *Assembly Signed Res 2022-22.pdf*. There are no previously incurred expenses included in the budget and no other Federal funds authorized for this project.